(c) Al) out efforts are being made to complete the adjustment of pending items by the staff beyond normal working hours and progress is being watched by the Controller of Defence Accoun s (ORs) North, Meerut md the Controller General of Defence Accounts.

To speed up the process of adjustments in the accounts, computerised maintenance of pay accounts is also being introduced in the different Pay and Accounts Offices in a phased programme.

Contracted rates of payment of rationed •articles at defence service stations

396. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleas-ed to state:

(a) whethc- it is a fact that contracted rates of payment with respsct to (Afferent items of rationed articles at different defence service stations are different and do not compare favourably with the All India Prices;

(b) if so, what *p.m* the reasons for va-riations in the cost of rafioned articles payable to and

(c) what are the present contracted rates oi milk, meat, vegetables and fruits for the stations at Bombay, Jam Nagar, Cochin, Goa, Delhi, Jallandhar, Guwahati, Ambala, Bikaner and Calcutta?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHIN-TAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The rates at which fre^h uoplies and perishable cmomodities are supplied vary from station to sta'ion. The difference caters for different market conditions, local availability, tranportsation requirements, etc However, the rates compare favourably with the local rates for such supplies.

(o) A statement is given below.

Statement

Sl. No.	Station	Rates of items per kg/Ltr (in Rupees)			
		Milk	Meat dressed	Vegetables	Fruits
1	Bombay	*6.60	27.90	2.36	3 71
2	‡Jamnagar	6.5	20.85	2.69	4 45
3	†Coch n	4.82	31.00	4.12	6.69
4	Go-	*5.15	29.71	3 39	5.91
†5	Delhi	*3.30	21 65	1.06	2 6
6	Jullandhar	@3.10	23.62	1.40	3 14
7	Bikaner	@3.50	18 29	1.53	3.05
8	Ambala	@3.90	23.19	1.29	2.81
9	Calcutta .	*6.10	20.89	2.15	4.12
10	Guwahati	@3.80	23.10	2.77	5.01

(As there are a large number of varieties of vegetables and fruits, only average rares of these items have been indicated)

At present no milk contract has been concluded at Bombay Goa. Ambala. C;'-ctitta, fullandhar, Bikaner and Guwahati where Miliary Farms are supolying . The rates of purchase given above are local purchase rates at which Military Farms are procuring milk.

'-'Buffalo milk of 6 per cent butter fat.

@ Cow milk of 4 per cent butter fat.

•At Jamnagar and Delhi, milk is pro-cured by. Army Service Corps and Cochin by Navy as per ASC Specifications.